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1. SUMMARY. THE DECEMBER 22 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED THE
TEXT OF A NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTARY ON US-SOVIET
EFFORTS TO REACH A TEST BAN AGREEMENT. THE COMMENTARY
STATES THTATE EFFORTS TO BAN NUCLEAR TESTS ARE ONLY DESIGNED
TO MAINTAIN THE "SUPERPOWERS NUCLEAR MONOPOLY" IN ORDER
TO CARRY OUT "NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL AND EXPANSION." END SUMMARY

2. ON DECEMBER 22, PEOPLE'S DAILY UNDERSCORED PRC OPPOSI-
TION TO A SOVIET-AMERICAN TEST BAN AGREEMENT. THE NCNA
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CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTARY STATED THAT SUCH EFFORTS "CAN
DECEIVE NOBODY" AND ARE A "HEGEMONIC PRACTICE OF
PROHIBITING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES
FROM DEVELOPING THEIR OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS." THE
PROPOSED TREATY HAS TWO OBJECTIVES:
A. TO PREVENT ON SIDE FROM "GETTING THE UPPER HAND
ON THE OTHER";

B. TO RESTRICT OTHER COUNTRIES "IN ORDER TO LORD OVER THEM AND SUBSEQUENTLY, CARRY OUT BLACKMAIL AND EXPANSION."

3. THE COMMENTARY ALSO ARGUED THAT AGREEMENTS TO BAN NUCLEAR TESTS ACTUALLY INTENSIFY "CUT-THROAT RIVALRY" OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, STATING THAT THE ARMS RACE ACTUALLY INTENSIFIED AFTER THE 1963 TEST BAN TREATY.

4. THE NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTARY, LESS AUTHORITATIVE THAN OTHER FORMS OF PRC PROPAGANDA STATEMENTS, BREAKS NO NEW GROUND AND MERELY REITERATES PRC OPPOSITION TO US-SOVIET ARMS AGREEMENTS WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY.
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